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Videotaped Deposition of

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Gilead Sciences, Inc.



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- Q. You didn't review the -- the data or the 3 spreadsheets that Gilead collected and produced on
- that topic? 5
  - A. I believe I did, but I don't -- I can't
- recall at this point. I can't recall the 6
- specific... 7
- 8 Q. All right. You didn't -- you didn't cite
- 9 to this document in your report, right?
- 10 A. I don't think so.
- 11 Q. Why not?
- A. I had thousands of documents that I was 12
- 13 looking at, sir, and I just -- you know, I just
- 14 didn't cite to all of them, so...
- 15 Q. Right, but those where you found examples
- 16 of, sort of, effective compliance communication
- 17 coming from senior management, did you think that
- 18 those would be important to cite in your objective
- 19 review of the compliance program?
- 20 MR. SHAH: Objection.
- 21 THE WITNESS: I think I would have, if it
- 22 had been an effective communication. I did not
- consider this an effective communication because. 23
- 24 like many other compliance issues at Gilead, it was
- 25 not implemented and there didn't seem to be any
- 1 corrective action and continuous improvement in this
- 2 area.
- 3 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 4 Q. You say it was not -- excuse me?
- 5 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. Oh, so you say it was not implemented. 6
- 7 This document talks about how if there is a TS that
- 8 exceeds the meal limit, there will be an e-mail
- 9 communication and verbal coaching from sales
- 10 leadership and business conduct. Didn't you review
- 11 the e-mails showing that that happened each time
- 12 there was an overage?
- 13 A. I didn't review all of the e-mails, no. I
- 14 will say I -- I looked for a therapeutic specialist
- 15 being let go because of a consistent pattern of
- 16 noncompliance, whether it be meal overages or other
- 17 issues, and could not find that, except for very
- 18 isolated circumstances.
- 19 Q. Did you find any evidence that there was a
- 20 sales rep that was exceeding the meal cap so
- 21 frequently that they should have been let go?
- 22 A. Well, I don't know.
- 23 Q. Okay. And Ms. Groome forwards this e-mail
- 24 to her entire team at the top. We can scroll back
- 25 up to the top.

- 1 A. Uh-hm.
- 2 Q. And she states: "I cannot say it better
- 3 than Jeremy states below. Please carefully review
- Jeremy's e-mail.
- 5 If you have -- if you have any questions,
- please call me. I am certain this is more of a
- reminder as this team is extremely compliant with
- all aspects of BC, and we, as a region, operate
- daily within BC constraints -- constraints with no
- 10 space for wiggle room."
- 11 Based on your review of the evidentiary
- 12 record in this case, do you agree with Ms. Groome's
- statement that her team was extremely compliant with
- all aspects of business conduct?
  - A. No.

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- 16 Q. Why do you disagree with Ms. Groome?
- 17 A. Well, for one thing, Ms. Groome's team, as
- 18 did other teams involved in HBV speaker programs,
- had a continuous pattern of inviting inappropriate
- attendees to the speaker programs. They went beyond
- 21 the meal limits on a pretty -- you know, not an
- irregular basis, but that was not something that
- was -- that I felt was being addressed effectively.
- They also had a problem with speaker programs where
- there were many, many repeat attendees and they
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- were -- they were not reporting -- as you've pointed
- 2 out yourself, they were not reporting noncompliance
- 3 to the business conduct folks on a regular basis.
- 4 So, no, I don't -- I don't think that her team was
- particularly compliant and I don't think that other
- teams were compliant either.
- 7 Q. So you -- you believe that Ms. Groome
- conveyed inaccurate information to her sales team in
- this e-mail on April 30th, 2016, correct?
  - A. Inaccurate?
- 11 Q. Correct.

- 12 A. Yeah, I think that's right.
- 13 Q. And she goes on to say, "We, as a region,
- operate daily within BC constraints, with no space 14
- 15 for wiggle room."
- 16 Your testimony is that you also don't agree
- 17 with that statement, correct?
- 18 A. No. My testimony would be that I found
- that the operations of sales and marketing with
- respect to its speaker programs did not comply with
- 21 the business conduct from the start and so I -- I
- 22 could not agree with her statement, yeah.
- 23 Q. And she goes on to say, "Thank you for your
- 24 ongoing attention to all aspects of BC, for working
- and excelling in your roles by staying in BC, and

Virginia B. Evans Page 67 Page 65 1 for all that you do to drive sales while keeping the 1 A. Well, it wasn't effective. It didn't work, company safe." 2 2 right? 3 Is this an example of the type of 3 Q. But -- but you're not -- well -- so we'll 4 compliance communication between therapeutic get to implementation in a moment. I disagree with 5 specialists and their managers that you talked about you, but we can talk about that. But I'm talking 6 on page 69 of your report? about the -- the prong or the opinion that you offer 7 A. No. about communications to the sales force. And you 8 Q. Why not? say that you found no examples of this type of 9 A. Because I think this is -- you know, I just communication. Why isn't this one of them? 10 don't think that this --10 A. Well, I -- I just -- I don't think --11 First of all, I don't believe that it's 11 MR. SHAH: Object to form. Asked and 12 accurate and I don't believe it recognizes the 12 answered. compliance risks and brings them to the therapeutic 13 13 You can answer. 14 specialist's attention in a way that is designed to 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I'd have to go back 15 correct problems, and a compliance program should be 15 down and see what -- what was said, but -- but I proactive, should be moving towards eliminating think the point that I would make is that it may 17 risk. Identifying, preventing and eliminating have been a communication and so another example 17 18 risks. would be training. There was information in the 19 Q. Got it. So Ms. Groome forwarding an e-mail training slides that was facially appropriate, but 20 from her boss, which indicated that Gilead's the bottom line was the compliance program was not 21 business conduct department would be monitoring meal 21 effective because its statements, although 22 spend on a quarterly basis and enforcing rules well-intentioned as they may be, were not followed 23 relating to meal overages, is not an example of up on, and the problem that is identified in the 24 identifying risks for the sales force and e-mail from Mr. Schmalzle continued, so I -- I establishing communication about how to manage those didn't see it as an effective communication. Page 66 Page 68 1 risks? 1 MR. LUSKEY: Understood. Let's look at 2 MR. SHAH: Object to form. 2 another one of these --3 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't think that it 3 THE WITNESS: May I just -was -- I don't think it was implemented. I think 4 MR. LUSKEY: Yeah? that, in fact, some witnesses testified that there 5 THE WITNESS: Can I have a comfort break? 6 was a -- a certain ethic of kind of papering over 6 MR. LUSKEY: Oh, of course. Absolutely. 7 issues or not putting things in writing. I don't 7 Sorry, we've been going an hour and a half. 8 think that this e-mail was accurate and -- so I 8 Let's go off the record. 9 stand by that. 9 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'll be back in two 10 BY MR. LUSKEY: 10 minutes. 11 Q. You didn't answer the question. 11 MR. LUSKEY: No, it's okay. You can take 12 I understand you don't think Ms. Groome's -- you can take -- we can take a 10-minute break. e-mail was accurate about her team operating within 13 MR. SHAH: Why don't we take a 10-minute --14 BC, but my question is different. 14 Is that appropriate for you, Randy? 15 You say, in your report, that you found no 15 MR. LUSKEY: Of course. 16 examples of compliance communication between TSs and 16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The time is their managers and, you know, the business conduct 8:33 -- I'm sorry, 11:33 a.m. We are off the 17 17 18 department about speaker programs. Why isn't this 18 record. an example of one of those communications? 19 19 (Short recess was taken from 11:33 a.m. 20 Mr. Schmalzle's e-mails, business conduct is going 20 until 11:43 a.m.) 21 to be monitoring meal spend, we're going to be 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record. The 22 looking at it quarterly. You're going to get 22 time is 11:43 a.m. 23 coaching if you have even a single overage. And 23 BY MR. LUSKEY: 24 then you've got a regional director sending that out 24 Q. Ms. Evans, you note on page 1 of your

report that you were engaged by the Miller Shaw law

25 to an entire sales force. What's wrong with that?

Volume I Case 2:17-cv-03523-MAK Document 234-2 Virginia B. Evans Page 73 1 You can answer. 1 2 THE WITNESS: Since -- since May of 2020, 3 did they send me e-mails? BY MR. LUSKEY: 4 A. That is correct. 5 Q. Since the beginning of your retention in 5 6 this matter, did relators' counsel send you any e-mails in which they provided you facts or data 8 that you considered in forming your opinions in this 8 A. That is correct. 9 case? 9 10 A. No, Mr. Luskey. The way -- the way that we 11 handled the information exchange is that I would be 12 given access to a website that was protected and a prescriptions, correct? 13 13 password and -- in order to get into that website, I 14 had to use the password, but I -- you know, there 15 was not a tranche of materials that were sent to me 15 programs. 16 by e-mail. So, occasionally, if I couldn't find 16

17 something, I might say, you know, can you help me 18 locate this, do you have the number for it, or 19 something like that, but no. So that's how that 20 worked. 21 Q. So I understand that you had access to that 22 database, but separate from that data -- database, your under-oath testimony today is that relators'

counsel never sent you any e-mail where they provided you any facts or data that you considered Page 74 Page 75

You are not offering an expert opinion that any doctor submitted a false claim to Medicare for Viread or VEMLIDY, correct?

Q. And you are not offering an expert opinion that Gilead ever caused any doctor to submit a false claim for reimbursement, correct?

Q. And you are not offering an expert opinion 10 that any particular Gilead employee knowingly paid remuneration to a doctor to induce or reward

A. That is -- that is correct. I'm not -- I'm not -- not looking at the facts of the compliance

Q. Well, you're certainly looking at the 17 facts, right? Part of your --

18 A. Right.

19 Q. -- methodology in this case was to review 20 the evidence, but my question was: Based on your review of those facts, you don't plan to offer an expert opinion in this case that you have concluded that a Gilead employee knowingly paid remuneration

to a doctor to induce or reward prescriptions,

25 correct?

in forming your opinions in this case? 1

A. Not -- not that I can recall, sir, no. 2

3 Q. Okav.

4 A. It was all handled through the -- the 5 uploads.

6 Q. Okay. Okay. We'll talk in a moment about 7 your ultimate --

A. Oh, I'm sorry. There is one thing. There 8 9 was -- they asked me to look at an -- a opinion that 10 I have cited in my report that has to do with -- it 11 was a research study that was done, having to do 12 with statins and the use of payments to physicians 13 and whether or not that increased their likelihood 14 to prescribe statins, and I did look for that. I 15 couldn't find it, and so that was one document that

16 was sent to me by e-mail, but that -- that's all I

17 can recall.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

18 19 We'll talk in a moment about your ultimate 20 conclusions regarding the effectiveness of Gilead's compliance program, but I first want to make sure 22 that we are crystal clear regarding some topics 23 about which you will not be offering an expert 24 opinion, so please let me know if I have these 25 correct.

1 A. That's correct.

> 2 Q. And you're not offering an expert opinion 3 that any Gilead employee knowingly conducted sham

4 speaker programs, right?

5 A. I have not offered that opinion, no. I'm

6 looking at the compliance program.

7 Q. Okay. And you're not offering an opinion that Gilead violated the Anti-Kickback Statute,

9 correct?

10 A. That is correct.

11 Q. And you're not offering an opinion that 12 Gilead violated the False Claims Act, correct?

13 A. That is correct.

14 Q. Are you offering an opinion that Gilead

knowingly or willfully violated the law?

16 A. No, I'm not. I'm -- I would offer the

opinion that Gilead knowingly failed to comply with 17

its own policies and the industry standards and the

OIG's -- sub OIG's regulatory guidance. 19

20 Q. Understood. So you plan to offer an

opinion at trial in this case that Gilead knowingly

22 did those things?

A. Based on the actions of its employees --

24 MR. SHAH: Object to form.

25 You can answer. Page 76

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1	Page 77 THE WITNESS: Yes, based on the actions of	1	Page 79
2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1	<ul><li>A. Or to do something wrong.</li><li>Q. Right.</li></ul>
3		<b>2</b>	A. People can be mistaken, you know.
4		4	Q. Which Gilead employees do you intend to
5		5	testify acted knowingly in this way?
6		6	MR. SHAH: Object to form.
7	• •	7	THE WITNESS: Okay. Well, let's start with
8		8	Ms. Larson certainly knew the business conduct
9		9	what the business conduct manual said and yet, at
10	•	10	times, she was involved in conduct that ran contrary
11		11	to what the clear mandate of the business conduct
12		12	manual.
13	-	13	MR. LUSKEY: Okay.
12		14	•
15		15	Q. And so you and so you intend to offer
16	• •	16	
17		17	business conduct manual, correct?
18		18	A. Yeah. She either ignored it or, you know,
19		19	knew what it said and did did the prohibited
20	•	20	behavior anyway.
21		21	MR. LUSKEY: Okay. Just give me one
22	•	22	second. Sorry, there's a doorbell. Let's go off
23		23	the record.
24		24	THE WITNESS: Okay.
25	MR. SHAH: Object to form.	25	MR. LUSKEY: I'm
1	Page 78 THE WITNESS: Through the actions of their	1	Page 80 MR. SHAH: You need to go off, Randy?
2		2	MR. LUSKEY: Yep.
3		3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It is 11:59 a.m.
4		4	We are off the record.
5	-	5	(Short recess was taken from 11:59 a.m.
6		6	until 11:59 a.m.)
7	noncompliance and then failing to do that.	7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the record.
8		8	Time is 11:59 a.m.
9		9	BY MR. LUSKEY:
10		10	Q. Okay. And, Ms. Evans, so you described why
11		11	you believe Ms. Larson acted knowingly. I just want
12	2 didn't really consider their intent.	12	a list of the employees, that you intend to offer
13	Q. Well, you you just told us that you are	13	testimony, acted knowingly to violate Gilead's
14	planning to testify that they did these things	14	business conduct manual.
15	5 knowingly. Isn't that their intent?	15	MR. SHAH: Object to form.
16	A. No. I think knowingly and intentionally	16	THE WITNESS: Okay. So Ms. Larson would be
17	are two different things.	17	one of them. I believe that her supervisors, Mr.
18	Q. How are they two different things?	18	Schmal Schmalzle, and I'm probably
19	A. I just you can	19	mispronouncing his name, and other individuals who
20	You know, you can know that you are	20	were in the sales department knew, for example, that
21	violating the business conduct manual, but you may	21	attendees were supposed to be legitimate attendees,
22	2 not have intent to do so or to do something wrong.	22	were not supposed to be
23	Q. You can know that you are violating the	23	BY MR. LUSKEY:
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Q. Ms. Evans, I -- I just want --

A. Yeah, am I --

24 compliance policy, but you may not have the intent 24

25 to do that?

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1	Q. Sorry, it's okay. I just I just want a	1	THE WITNESS: I don't recall what the			
2	list of the employees that you intend to offer acted	2	statute I you know, I don't recall, really,			
3	knowingly. We can talk about the reasons for that	3	whether it's the statute or whether it's the			
4	in a moment, but can you just provide me a list?	4	guidance. I can't I can't recall.			
5	A. Okay. All right.	5	BY MR. LUSKEY:			
6	MR. SHAH: Object to form.	6	Q. Wait. As you sit here today, you don't			
7	You can answer.	7	recall whether the Anti-Kickback Statute talks about			
8	THE WITNESS: All right. So, Graham	8	inducement or reward?			
9	Warden, Leilani Larson, Tana and I forgive me,	9	A. I think it does, yes.			
10	•	10	MR. SHAH: Object to form.			
11	•	11	THE WITNESS: But I can't recall.			
12		12	BY MR. LUSKEY:			
13		13	Q. Okay. And and you plan to offer an			
14	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	14	expert opinion that Gilead did, in fact, induce and			
15	these were contractors, but nonetheless, Dr. Calvin	15	reward prescriptions, correct?			
16	Pan, Dr. Fufu He, Danny Chu. Ivan Tai. Catherine	16	A. Yes, or influence prescriptions, yes.			
17	Chan.	17	Q. You just said "influence." Your report			
18	Oh, Mr. Zlatar, Ilija Zlatar, I believe.	18	says "induce"; is that is that correct?			
19	Susan Lin. And then, of course, Ms. Groome	19	A. I guess, yeah.			
20	Kimberly Groome. And Mr. Purcell. That's all I can	20	Q. So you plan to			
21	recall at this point.	21	A. I'm sorry, what was the question again?			
22	BY MR. LUSKEY:	22	I'm I'm confused.			
23	Q. Okay. And just so we're clear, your	23	Q. Oh, my my last question was just that			
24	testimony is that you plan to offer expert opinions	24	your report says inducing them to write			
25	in this case not just that those employees violated	25	prescriptions, correct?			
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1	the business conduct manual, but that they did so	1	A. Right, uh-hm.			
2	knowingly, correct?	2	Q. So you plan to inform the jury that based			
3	A. In some cases. I don't know that I	3	on your review of some of the evidence in this case,			
4	could I'd have to go back and think about	4	you have concluded, in your expert opinion, that			
5	circumstances with respect to each one of them, but	5	Gilead did, in fact, use speaker selection to induce			
6	yes.	6	or reward prescriptions, right?			
7	Q. Okay. And do you plan to offer an expert	7	A. I I'm having a difficult time answering			
8	opinion at trial in this case that Gilead used	8	this question because really what I was looking at			
9	speaker selection to induce or reward prescriptions?	9	was the compliance program. So, if you go back and			
10	A. Yes.	10	you and you say, did the compliance program			
11	Q. For instance, on page 32 to 33 of your	11	prevent the risk that the following individuals used			
12	expert report I think you've got that in front of	12	the lure of speaker payments to induce prescription,			
13	you, the very last line of page 33, you note: "Like	13	the answer would be no, it did not reduce the risk.			
14	ad board selection, speaker selection was used as a	14	How do you know that, would be the next question,			
15	way of rewarding physicians for past prescriptions	15	and I would say based on the information and the			
16	or inducing them to write future prescriptions of	16	documents and the testimony that I reviewed, the			
17		17	following people and and those are the people			
18						
10	A. Right.	18	that I just named for you were involved in			
19	· ·	18 19	that I just named for you were involved in activities that were in contravention of the			
19	Q. That's an opinion you plan to offer in this	19	activities that were in contravention of the			
	Q. That's an opinion you plan to offer in this case, right?					

Q. That's all well and good, and I understand

So, I -- I think you have to go back to the

23 business conduct manual and the business conduct

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24 department.

Q. And "induce" and "reward," the language you

23 use in that sentence, those are the words used by

24 the relevant statute in this case, correct?

MR. SHAH: Object to form.

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1	qualified as a compliance expert by a court of law?

2 A. No.

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- 3 Q. Have you ever testified at trial as a
- 4 compliance expert?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Have you ever served as a compliance
- 7 officer at a pharmaceutical company?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Have you ever worked at a pharmaceutical
- 10 company?
- 11 A. No, except I have served as a compliance
- 12 expert for three years for the Bayer domestic --
- 13 domestic board. That was part of my engagement,
- 14 yeah.
- 15 Q. Okay. And in this case, you are charging
- 16 \$400 per hour, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Approximately how much will you bill for
- 19 your work as of today?
- 20 A. I don't know. I have not done the billing.
- 21 Q. Could you ballpark the number for me?
- 22 A. I can't. I'm sorry.
- 23 Q. Okay. Were you compensated for your work
- 24 on the other litigation cases we just discussed?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 it was 10 percent.
  - Q. Understood.
- 3 Okay. I want to talk about the -- the risk
- 4 assessment and internal audit report that you
- 5 mentioned from 2014 that you had not been provided
- 6 in advance of rendering your expert opinions in this
- 7 case on May 3rd and May 26th. You've now had a
- 8 chance to review the 2014 internal audit report,
- 9 correct?
- 10 A. Yes, sir. And -- and I have to -- I want
- 11 to correct the record. I apparently did have access
- 12 to those two -- I guess they -- they look like
- 13 PowerPoints earlier, and I mistakenly said that I
- 14 did not, and I think I was confusing it with the
- 15 NARCR (sic), or whatever those are, the compliance
- 16 committee, right.
- 17 Q. Okay. Oh, so you had access to the 2014
- 18 internal audit report, but you had not reviewed it
- 19 at the time of submitting your expert opinions in
- 20 this case, correct?
- 21 MR. SHAH: Object -- object to form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I --
- 23 MR. LUSKEY: Sorry?
- 24 THE WITNESS: I'm not -- I'm not sure when
- 25 I saw them -- first saw them, but I did not remark

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- 1 Q. Approximately how much did you make in the
- 2 Novartis case?
- 3 A. Oh, I can't recall. I think it was close
- 4 to \$100,000 in that case.
- 5 Q. What about in Janssen?
- 6 A. I really can't recall on Janssen.
- 7 Q. What about in Teva?
- 8 A. I think Teva was close to -- excuse me, 30,
- 9 35,000, something like that.
- 10 Q. And you don't have any contingency fee in
- 11 these cases, correct?
- 12 A. No, sir.
- 13 Q. How much -- what percentage of your annual
- 14 income comes from your work as a expert in
- 15 litigation matters?
- 16 A. Well, last year, I think I made 14,000 and
- 17 I don't know this year what it will be, but...
- 18 Q. So my question was what -- approximately
- 19 what percentage of your annual income is from your
- 20 work as an expert?
- 21 A. Oh, jeez. I don't know the answer to that.
- 22 I can tell you what I made at Thomson Reuters and we
- 23 can figure it out from there, but...
- 24 Q. Sure.
- 25 A. It's a -- I would say maybe -- last year,

- 1 on them until -- yeah. I -- I'm sorry, I just can't
- 2 recall when I first saw them.
- 3 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 4 Q. Well, in your expert rebuttal report that
- 5 you filed six days ago, you note that this document
- 6 was "apparently withheld on the basis of privilege,"
- 7 correct?

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- 8 A. That's what I understood.
  - Q. That was inaccurate, correct?
- 10 A. I think so, yes.
- 11 Q. So you had not reviewed the 2014 internal
- 12 audit report at the time you submitted your rebuttal
- 13 report on May 26th, correct?
- 14 A. I think that's right, yes.
- 15 Q. Okay.
- 16 A. I'm not sure, but -- I just can't recall.
- 17 I've looked at so many documents, so I just can't --
  - Q. Well, you --
- 19 A. -- so I just can't recall.
- 20 Q. You think you may have reviewed it, even
- 21 though you stated in your report that it was
- 22 withheld on the basis of privilege?
- 23 A. No. I can't -- I'm -- I'm sorry, I'm
- 24 confused and I'd -- I'd have to go back and see what
- 25 time -- when I first looked at it, when it came into

25 we go off the record?

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1	Page 137 my cache of documents that were in the website, and	1	Page 139 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Time is 2:00 p.m.
2	I just really can't recall that.	2	We are off the record.
3	Q. But your testimony, under oath today, is	3	(Short recess was taken from 2:00 p.m.
4	that you may have looked at the 2014 internal audit	4	until 2:01 p.m.)
5	document prior to submitting your rebuttal report,	5	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're back on the
6	even though you stated in that report that it was	6	record and the time is 2:01 p.m.
7	withheld on the basis of privilege?	7	BY MR. LUSKEY:
8	A. I don't think I did because I was under the	8	Q. I Ms. Evans, Exhibit 9 is the 2
9	assumption that we that we didn't have them or we	9	October 2014 audit report that you reviewed sometime
10	had some problem getting them, or whatever.	10	for the first or, excuse me, for the first time
11	Q. Okay.	11	sometime in the last six days, correct?
12	A. I really can't recall.	12	MR. SHAH: Object to form.
13	Q. Okay. Understood.	13	THE WITNESS: Yes, it is.
14	And so when you wrote in your rebuttal	14	MR. LUSKEY: What what was the what's
15	report that no conclusions could be fairly reached	15	the objection? I want to correct that question,
16	about these auditing and monitoring activities, at	16	Jim.
17	that time, you had not yet reviewed this document,	17	MR. SHAH: I just was objecting to form. I
18	correct?	18	wasn't certain it accurately stated her prior
19	A. That's I believe that's correct, yes.	19	testimony, Randy, that's all.
20	Q. Okay. And this document and the	20	MR. LUSKEY: Okay. All right. I think we
21	documents relating to the 2014 internal audit	21	have got the answer there. All right.
22	report, they were cited in Kevin McAnaney's opening	22	BY MR. LUSKEY:
23	report on May 3rd, correct?	23	Q. So if you flip to page 2 of this document,
24	A. Right.	24	you'll see that we'll blow up the screen for you
25	Q. Did you ask counsel to provide you those	25	a little bit, the objective of the audit "was to
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1	Page 141 Q. Is that a decent sample size for an	1	Page 143 care professionals (HCPs) attended multiple events
	internal audit?	2	that featured the same educational topic," correct?
3	MR. SHAH: Object to form.	3	A. That's right.
4	THE WITNESS: Would that be a good sample	4	Q. And it says a second. It says there, in
5	size, is what you're asking?	5	that first main paragraph, "While the business
6	BY MR. LUSKEY:	6	conduct manual does not provide guidance related to
7	Q. That's right. That's what I meant to ask.	7	the frequency of attendance at same topic meetings,
8	A. Certainly.	8	a review indicated that 117 HCPs appeared to attend
9	Q. And then, continuing down on that page	9	on multiple events that featured the same
10	under "Conclusions," it notes: "Overall, speaker	10	educational topic," correct?
11	programs are generally conducted within the	11	A. Yes.
1	framework outlined by the BCM."	12	Q. And then continuing on, it notes, in that
13	Did I read that correctly?	13	same paragraph, "Our analysis indicated that the
14	A. Yes.	14	frequency of attendance at the same topic ranged
15	Q. And then, it notes the first issue there,	15	
16	under "Conclusions," that "With regard to the	16	from three to 15 times," correct?  A. Yes.
17	accuracy of the speaker program, payment information	17	
18	provided by a third-party provider, AHM, and	18	·
19	reflected in the CompleteSpend system, a number of	19	<ul><li>A. Apparently so, yes.</li><li>Q. And it looks like, from that chart, you'll</li></ul>
20	instances were noted where confirmed and unconfirmed		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
		20	see down below there, that the vast majority of
21	speakers appeared to be paid to speak at the same	21	those, 61 percent, were HCPs that had attended three
22	program." It looks like they identified this is an	22	programs on the same topic, correct?
23	a system logic area; is that correct?	23	A. Yes.
24	A. Yes.	24	Q. And then the recommendation is "We
25	Q. This finding relates to a a data	25	recommend that business conduct develop guidance
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- 3 going back to my report. I mean, it had some good
- ideas, but, yeah, I mean, I wouldn't -- I wouldn't
- characterize it as a remediation plan or effective 5
- correction action -- corrective action plan, no. 6
- 7 Q. What was ineffective about this corrective 8 action plan from your prospective?
- 9 A. Well, for one thing, it -- nothing was done
- 10 for at least a year. In 2016, they finally changed
- 11 the business conduct manual to address the repeat
- 12 attendance issue. Prior to that time, they didn't
- 13 do anything, despite the fact that in -- in 2014, it
- 14 was pretty obvious that there were -- there was a
- 15 big repeated attendance problem.
- 16 In fact, when I went back and I looked at
- 17 Dr. He's testimony and the number of times in 2014
- 18 and 2015 he attended or spoke on the same topic, it
- 19 was -- it was really pretty amazing. In 2014, he
- 20 went to a conference and he went to three more on
- 21 the same topic in January alone. In February, he
- 22 went to another one. So, you know, not even a month
- 23 later, same -- same program, same doctor, and he
- 24 was -- you know, this is when he was -- you know,
- 25 this is at a time when Gilead knew that there was a

- Page 147 Page 145 review any documents that suggest that Gilead made
  - those policy changes relating to repeat attendees in
  - 2015. correct?
  - 4 A. I didn't see anything that indicated that
  - they made those changes until 2016.
    - Q. Great. We'll look at that in a moment.
    - And so your testimony is that this action
  - plan that required -- that recommended monitoring,
  - gathering more data, benchmarking an analysis before
  - making a policy change, was ineffective, correct?
  - 11 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
  - 12 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?
  - 13 MR. LUSKEY: Okay. He said object to form.
  - 14 You can answer.
  - 15 THE WITNESS: Yes, I think it was
  - 16 ineffective.
  - BY MR. LUSKEY: 17
  - Q. Okay. And then let's take a look at a few 18
  - more documents relating to this audit. We will
  - 20 introduce as Exhibit 9, Tab 269.
  - 21 THE STENOGRAPHER: I believe it's
  - 22 Exhibit 10.
  - 23 MR. LUSKEY: Sorry about that. Exhibit 10,
  - 24 thank you.
  - 25 (Exhibit 10 was marked for identification.)

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- 1 repeat attendance problem. I don't understand why
- 2 they didn't just fix it.
- Q. And we'll look at the fix in just a moment. 3
- 4 But not only did Gilead know, but they actually
- 5 caught that anecdote you just described with Dr. He,
- 6 right? He would have been captured in this chart
- 7 right here that reflects repeat attendees, correct?
- 8 A. Not in 2015.
- 9 Q. No, you -- you just gave us an example from
- 10 2013 into 2014, I thought you said?
- A. No, I didn't. In November of 2014, he went 11
- 12 to a speaker program and then he had three in
- 13 January of 2015 alone. And then he started speaking
- 14 in March of 2015, so these earlier ones were
- 15 attendee issues. He started speaking in March of
- 16 2015, and the very first speaker program he hosted
- 17 had an open bar.
- 18 So I don't consider this to be a
- 19 corrective -- an effective corrective action plan at
- 20 all. Basically, they're saying is -- what they're
- saying is let's put something in the business
- 22 conduct manual and that doesn't happen until 2016,
- 23 so --
- 24 Q. And -- and they note here that they will 25 consider implementation in Q4 2015. You did not

- BY MR. LUSKEY:
- Q. For the record, Exhibit 10 is a PowerPoint
- presentation labeled "Speaker Program Working Group,
- June 22nd, 2015."
- 5 Ms. Evans, do you see that document up on
- 6 your screen, Exhibit 10?
- 7 A. I do.
- 8 Q. This document is not listed on your
- 9 materials-considered list. Is this the first time
- 10 you've seen it?
- 11 A. Hmm. I don't recall.
- 12 Q. As you sit here today, you don't recall
- reviewing the Speaker Program Working Group
- presentation from June 22nd, 2015?
- 15 A. I don't recall seeing it. I -- I really --
- I think I -- I just can't recall. I'm sorry. I'd
- 17 be speculating, so --
- 18 Q. If you had reviewed and considered this
- document, would you have included it in Appendix B? 19
- 20 A. I don't know. Can we scroll through the
- document? And maybe --21
- 22 Q. Absolutely.
  - MR. LUSKEY: Yeah, let -- let's go off the
- record and let Ms. Evans scroll through it. It's a
- 25 long -- a lengthy document.

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1	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The	ne time is 1	1 Leadership agreed to f	orm a 'Speaker Program Working
2	2:13 p.m.	2	2 Group' (SPWG), consis	sting of key leads from OLP

3 We are off the record.

4 (Short recess was taken from 2:13 p.m.

5 until 2:14 p.m.)

6 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the

7 record and the time is 2:14 p.m.

8 BY MR. LUSKEY:

Q. Ms. Evans, is this your first time seeing 9

10 this document?

A. I can't recall seeing it and it -- running 11

12 through it, I -- you know, I may have seen it and it

13 just didn't -- you know, I can't recall.

14 MR. LUSKEY: Okay. And on the -- sorry,

15 one -- let me give you some context for this

document. I'm going to introduce as Exhibit 11, Tab

17 227.

18 (Exhibit 11 was marked for identification.)

19 BY MR. LUSKEY:

20 Q. This is just a two-page e-mail, so you can

21 flip through it briefly.

22 A. Uh-hm.

23 Q. And for the record, Exhibit 11 is a

24 two-page e-mail Bates-Labeled Gilead Purcell 177920

25 through 921.

marketing, OLP operations, and business conduct to

assess and make recommendation of -- on six key

speaker program process and policy improvements."

6 Were you aware of that effort?

A. I have some recollection reading about it,

8 but nothing specific.

9 Q. You don't recall being provided any

10 documents relating to the 2015 Speaker Program

Working Group that you considered prior to

submitting your expert opinions in this matter?

13 A. No. I didn't say that. I -- I can't

recall seeing it. I don't know if it was in the

group of documents that I reviewed or not.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. I -- yeah, I can't recall.

18 Q. Okay. And -- and this mentions the NACRC,

that's that main compliance committee we -- you

testified about earlier, correct?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. All right. That includes senior

23 leadership; is that fair?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. It includes the head of the commercial

Page 150 Ms. Evans, I -- I don't believe this

document is listed on your materials considered. Is

3 this your first time seeing it?

4 A. I think it is, but I'm -- I -- I'm not

5 sure, so...

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Q. Do you -- do you know who David Ralston is? 6

7 You will see that the first e-mail in the thread is

8 sent by David Ralston?

9 A. Chief compliance officer?

10 Q. No, good guess. No. No. He's -- I'll

11 represent to you that he was, at this time, the head

12 of Gilead's business conduct group. Does that ring

13 a bell?

14 A. No.

15 MR. SHAH: Object to form.

16 MR. LUSKEY: Object to form? Sorry.

17 BY MR. LUSKEY:

18 Q. Does that sound familiar?

19 A. No, it doesn't, really.

20 Q. Okay. And in this e-mail dated

21 October 13th, 2015, Mr. Ralston writes, "Team, in

22 early spring, business conduct shared an overview of

23 recent speaker program enforcement issues and

24 Gilead's options for risk minimization with the

25 North America Compliance Review Committee (NACRC).

business units, right? 1

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. It includes business conduct?

4 A. I guess, yes, uh-hm.

5 Q. You've seen some of those agendas, right?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Okay. And the e-mail continues, it says:

"Below is a summary of these improvements and the

finalized outcomes recently approved by the NACRC

and the September 11th meeting."

11 The first one of those is a "BPOA process

12 to create uniform needs assessment regarding the number of speaker programs and paid speakers."

14 Were you aware of that process improvement

15 that was put in place in 2015?

16 A. I would not call that a process improvement

17 that was put in place. That may be what it -- it

18 says, but I saw lots of information and then data

19 and documents that -- as I said in my report, that

20 indicate that basically the therapeutic specialists

21 were determining when there was a need in their

22 territory for a speaker program.

23 Q. I understand.

24 A. So I don't think that there was a uniform

25 needs assessment process that was put in place.

- Q. So it -- I understand your testimony that 1
- 2 it wasn't effectively followed. We will talk about
- 3 that in a moment, but my question was: This e-mail,
- 4 sent on October 2015 by the head of the business
- conduct unit, describes process improvements that
- were approved by the NACRC. 6
- 7 Were you aware of this first such process 8 improvement?
- 9 A. And, again, I'm not sure that I would call
- 10 it a process improvement because I did not see that
- 11 this -- I did not see evidence in all the documents
- 12 and information that I looked at suggested that this
- 13 actually took place.
- 14 Q. Okay. I -- I -- I'm just using the term in
- 15 the e-mail, "process improvement." I understand
- 16 your testimony you don't believe it was effectively
- 17 enforced. My question was: Were you aware that the
- 18 NACRC approved this policy change?
- 19 A. No. I received -- I didn't have any
- 20 minutes from the NACRC, so I don't know what they
- 21
- 22 Q. And -- well -- well, you certainly know now
- 23 'cause you've got this e-mail here that says the
- 24 NACRC approved it, right?
- 25 A. That's what it says, yes.
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- Q. Okay. And also the next process 1
- improvement that's described is a standardized
- 3 Gilead speaker nomination process across TAs,
- 4 including all brands moving to an online process
- 5 with universal speaker portal.
- 6 Were you aware of that policy change that 7 was implemented in 2015?
- A. I remember that there was a discussion 8
- 9 about a universal speaker portal. That's all I can
- 10 remember about that.
- 11 Q. Okay. You were not aware of a -- this
- 12 policy recommendation coming from the Speaker
- Program Working Group that was assembled in 2015?
- 14 A. No. No, I was not.
- 15 Q. Okay. And then if you flip to the next
- page, under No. 2, "Policy Improvements." The first
- one here is a "Yearly attendance cap for attending 17
- 18 the same speaker program topic." "Implementation of
- a cap of three programs on the same topic per 19
- 20 calendar year" and "Ongoing monitoring will advise
- 21 tracking to caps."
- 22 Were you aware of that policy improvement
- 23 being a -- improved and communicated to the sales
- 24 force in October 2015?
- 25 A. I do not know that it was communicated to

- Page 155 the sales force, other than this e-mail. I do know
- that the repeat attendance issue continued well into
- 2016, '17; it was a continuing problem.
- 4 Q. I understand, and -- and we will talk about
- that and we'll get there in a moment. 6
- My question to you is: A moment ago, you 7 testified nothing was done about repeat attendees in
- 2015. Does this -- seeing this e-mail change your
- 9 opinion?
- 10 A. No, it does not.
- 11 Q. Okay. So you still believe that nothing
- 12 was done with respect to the repeat attendee issue
- that was analyzed in the 2014 audit, even after
- seeing this October 2015 e-mail?
- 15 A. Yes, and I can explain why.
- 16 Q. Sure.
- 17 A. My review of the documents indicated that
- throughout 2015 and 2016, not only Dr. Hee, but
- 19 other documents. Dr. Lee was one of them, had
- repeat attendance at many, many, many of their
- speaker programs, and the same names kept cropping
- 22 up. So, I would start to look for, for example, Ray
- Chan and Lily Chan, they -- they went to at least
- three speaker programs in 2015, again in 2016, and
- then there was another doctor whose name came up
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- frequently and that was -- I believe it was Matthew Mo and his wife, I think her name was Christine Mo,
- and they -- they were repeat attendees after the
- 2014 audit and after 2015 at programs that were put
- on by the sales representative Susan Lin. So, yeah,
- I started to look for this 'cause I was hoping,
- 7 frankly, to see some real corrective action and --
- and it just didn't seem like what Gilead was doing 8
- 9 was having any effect.
- 10 Q. How does citing those two anecdotal 11 examples prove that what Gilead was doing had no
- 12 effect?
- 13 A. Because it was not just those two anecdotal
- exam- -- examples, Mr. Luskey. There were lots and
- lots and lots of examples throughout the documents,
- 16 and I frankly don't think that these policies that
- were implemented -- excuse me, the policies that
- were put into place on paper were implemented,
- certainly not in 2015, and -- and moving into 2016,
- 20 2017, they were still having problems with repeat
- 21 attendance.
- 22 Q. Still having problems doesn't indicate that
  - there wasn't a policy change, right? The standard
- 24 for --
- 25 A. Well --

1 Q. -- an effective compliance program is not perfection, is it? 2

3 A. No, and -- and, in fact, it is not

- perfection, but what a compliance program that is
- effective should be doing is taking the information
- 6 and data that it has and using that data to
- 7 continuously improve so that issues that create risk
- 8 are then ameliorated by things like, hey, talking to
- 9 the speaker hosts themselves. You know, you've got
- 10 situations where these same physicians are coming to
- 11 the same meetings where this physician has a myriad
- 12 of people coming to his speaker programs that he
- 13 doesn't even know if they work for him or who they
- 14 are or -- you know, it -- it -- there just didn't
- 15 seem to be any communication on the ground, here's
- 16 the policy, abide by the policy. It doesn't take a
- 17 year to write this.
- 18 Q. You testified --
- 19 A. 2014 to 2016. It didn't take a year to
- 20 write a policy that said you could only attend three
- times. I mean, it just -- it really made it look as
- 22 if business compliance didn't really want to
- 23 enforce -- rigorously enforce the policies that they
- 24 were putting into place.
- 25 Q. You testified earlier that there were no

- Page 159 mention the yearly attendance cap for attending the
- same speaker program topic, correct?
- 3 A. Yes.

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- Q. Okay. So the audit identified this as an
- issue in October 2014, and then in June 2015, they
- began to -- there's a discussion of policy
- improvements to fix that compliance gap, correct?
- 8 A. I guess there was a discussion at the
- 9 working group.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- A. I don't know. I don't have minutes from 11
- 12 the working group, so it's hard for me to say.
- 13 Q. And then on Slide 14, there's a list of
- policy rec- -- or a list of recommendations here,
- including implementing an initial cap of four 15
- programs on the same topic per calendar year. 16
- 17 Ongoing monitoring, including a "clear plan
- 18 for accurate by BC needed, preemptive versus 19
- post-hoc approach being considered."
- 20 Do you see that?
  - A. Yes, I don't know what that means. "Clear
- plan for accurate by BC," hmm, okay. Don't know. I
- 23 see that, yes.

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- 24 Q. You see it, okay. And then Slide 15
- 25 discusses the rational for these policy changes. It

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- 1 policy improvements with respect to repeat attendees in 2015. That is incorrect, right?
- 3 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 4 You can answer, Virginia.
- 5 THE WITNESS: I would rely on my report and
- 6 I would -- I would state that I do not think that
- 7 there were -- that with respect to repeat attendees,
- 8 this policy change that you're talking about in a
- 9 memo that did not become part of the business
- 10 conduct manual in 2015, had much, if any, effect.
- 11 It was not effective.
- 12 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- Q. You said you would rely on your report, but
- 14 you wrote your report before you saw this document,
- 15 right?
- 16 A. Well, my report -- this document has not
- 17 changed my mind, sir.
- 18 Q. Understood. All right. And so continuing
- 19 on, let's take a look at what the Speaker Program
- 20 Working Group actually did. And I know you haven't
- seen this document until today, but we're going to 21
- 22 flip through it. This is exhibit -- we're going to
- 23 go back to Exhibit 10.
- 24 If we flip to Slide 13 to start, this is
- 25 where they begin to discuss policy improvements and

- talks about "Observational data suggests that
- without speaker program cap, Gilead norms are well
- within control."
- 4 Do you see that?
- 5 A. Yes. I'm not sure what that refers to.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. Does that refer to the number of times a
- speaker can attend, the number of times anyone can
- attend, or speaker program caps on payment? I don't
- 10 know.
- 11 Q. Understood.
- 12 And you'll -- you'll recall that in the
- audit, across all programs, there were 117 attendees
- who had -- who had attended three programs on the
- 15 same topic, correct?
- 16 A. In a year, yes.
- 17 Q. In a year, right. And only 46 were at or
- over four programs on the same topic across the
- 19 company, correct?
- 20 A. Right.
- 21 Q. Okay. And let's see here. And then it
- 22 also notes that they considered some benchmarking
- 23 data; do you see that?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. The final bullet point. And they noted

Page 161 1 that only 36 percent of companies, at this time,

were limiting repeat attendance, correct?

- 3 A. Right. I see that's what they say.
- 4 Q. Okay. And then Slide 16 through 17 is the
- 5 rational -- oh, excuse me, Slide 16 through 17 is a
- 6 discussion of a policy improvement regarding
- 7 guidelines for how different a speaker program must
- 8 be to be considered a different speaker program,
- 9 right?
- 10 A. I guess that's what it says. I have no
- idea what they're talking about there, really. 11
- Q. Okay. One second. All right. We can --12
- 13 we can put that down. And then you mentioned that in 2016, Gilead 14
- 15 actually amended the business conduct manual to
- implement this policy change around repeat 16
- 17 attendees, correct?
- 18 A. I believe that's correct, yes.
- 19 Q. So, there was an audit in 2014, then in
- 20 June of 2015, there's a Speaker Program Working
- 21 Group, then October 13th, 2015, David Ralston, the
- 22 head of business conduct, sends out the e-mail
- 23 listing the process improvements and the policy
- 24 changes, and then in 2016, the business conduct
- 25 manual was revised; is that correct?
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- A. That's my understanding, yes. 1
- Q. Okay. But your testimony today, as 2
- 3 consistent -- strike that.
- 4 But you still believe, as reflected in your
- expert report, that Gilead conducted no meaningful
- 6 risk assessment activities that drove policy
- 7 development, correct?
- 8 A. That's correct.
- 9 MR. LUSKEY: Okay. And then one more
- document to review. This is -- this will be
- 11 Exhibit 12, which is Tab 218.
- 12 (Exhibit 12 was marked for identification.)
- 13 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- Q. For the record, Exhibit 12 is Gilead 14
- Purcell 116569 through 6570. 15
- 16 Ms. Evans, you can flip through this one.
- 17 It's just a -- basically a one-pager.
- 18 Have you seen this one before?
- A. I have. Uh-hm. 19
- 20 Q. All right. And so this is an e-mail from
- 21 Jim Meyers in 2017, which was about a year and a
- 22 half after those initial repeat attendee rules
- 23 were -- were rolled out, right?
- 24 A. Right. Uh-hm.
- 25 Q. Do you know who Jim Meyers is?

A. No.

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- 2 Q. Okay.
- 3 A. I do not.
  - Q. All right. He was the head of Gilead's
- U.S. commercial team at this time, I'll represent to
- you. And he mentions the new rules from the
- 7 beginning of 2016.
- 8 You see that there?
- 9 A. I --
- 10 Q. And then -- and then he says, "Now that we
- have a full year of experience and data related to
- how those rules have been applied, we are making
- 13 some refinements to those rules going forward,"
- 14 correct?

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- A. That's what it says, yes.
- 16 Q. Fair to say, Gilead continued to analyze
- 17 the risks and data associated with repeat attendees,
  - even after rolling out new policies in 2016?
- 19 A. Well, yes, and the reason they did that is
- because the repeat attendee problem continued. 20
  - Q. Absolutely, and they continued to monitor
- 22 it and then implement new policy changes, correct?
- 23 A. Well, the policies that they implemented in
- 24 2016 and -- and -- were not doing anything, were not
- being effective, so I guess they came up with a new
- Page 164 idea, but my contention, as is -- I've stated in my
- report, is that the reason that the policies weren't
- affected is because they weren't being enforced.
- 4 Q. You -- you -- you continue to say that the
- policies weren't doing anything, but you haven't --
- you haven't reviewed any of the data showing
- 7 improvements in the repeat attendee issue, have you?
- 8 A. I have -- I tried to find improvements in
- areas throughout my review of the compliance
- program. I did not see improvements with respect to
- repeated attendees. For example, Dr. Danny Chu had,
- 12 I think, 79 speaking speaker programs during the
- review period and he had the same person go to 29 of
- them. So I just -- I have a difficult time
- understanding how you can think that repeated --
- 16 repeated attendee problem was fixed in 2016 or 2017.
- 17 Q. I don't know how -- how the Danny Chu
- 18 anecdote that you just shared really gets at the
- question I asked. That's 29 programs from 2013 to
- 2019 that you just referenced? 20
- 21 A. 79 and he had the same person going to at
- 22 least 29 of them.
- 23 Q. Over the six-year period?
- 24 Yeah. Α.
- 25 Q. Was that person a -- did he go to more than

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1 three programs in 2016?

- 2 A. I believe he did, yes.
- 3 Q. You -- you can testify to that, under oath,
- you know that for sure?
- 5 A. I'd have to go back and look at it, but
- 6 I -- I believe that he did.
- Q. What about 2017? 7
- 8 A. I don't know about 2017.
- 9 Q. Okay. But this is your example for how the
- 10 new rules in 2016 were not doing anything; is that
- 11 correct?

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- A. 2015 and 2016. 12
- 13 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 14 MR. LUSKEY: Okay.
- 15 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- Q. But this is the type of activity you want 16
- 17 to see from an effective compliance program, right,
- 18 monitoring the data and making new policy
- 19 announcements; isn't that fair?
- 20 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
  - THE WITNESS: And -- yes, sir, and I would
- 22 like to see that this is being rolled out to the
- therapeutic specialists, who would then be educated 23
- 24 on the reason behind this particular rule, and then
- 25 after they've been educated, you would want to go
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- 1 back and see that the rule is being fairly
- 2 implemented and that, you know, from that date
- 3 forward, from the day that you explained the reason
- 4 for the repeat attendee rule, that particular
- 5 therapeutic specialist made sure that it is speaker
- 6 programs, the ones that he was hosting, there
- 7 weren't repeat attendees.
- 8 MR. LUSKEY: Uh-hm.
- 9 THE WITNESS: And I didn't see that
- 10 happening.
- 11 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 12 Q. And it's clear that, in 2017, Gilead --
- 13 Gilead made the repeat attendee rules even tighter,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. On paper, it made the repeat attendee rules
- 16 tighter.
- 17 Q. Do you have any evidence to suggest that
- 18 Gilead did not actually roll these rules out,
- 19 communicate them to the sales force?
- 20 A. I actually -- I read an interesting -- an
- 21 interesting part of Mr. Purcell's dep- -- deposition
- 22 where he stated that Ms. Larson changed the rules so
- 23 that a single speaker topic could be broken up into
- 24 several speaker topics and there -- thereby they
- 25 could get around the rules of the repeat attendee

- 1 rules because the topics would have changed. As
- opposed to having one speaker program, they would
- have several speaker programs and therefore, they
- could justify it as -- as being a different program.
- 5 Q. Got it.
- 6 A. To me, that is -- that is not consistent
- 7 with the -- you know, what the business conduct
- manual suggested back in -- or stated back in 2016.
- It shows kind of a desire to go beyond the letter of
- the law -- or the letter of the compliance manual
- and not really take it seriously. So --11
- 12 Q. Got it. And I assume -- I assume you
- 13 didn't just take that testimony at face value,
- 14 right? You went and looked at the actual program
- 15 topics to see if there really was an expansion of
- the number of topics, correct?
- 17 A. I -- I did some review of it, but I didn't
- go back and -- and -- I noted it in passing. I did
- 19 not go back and do a full review.
- 20 Q. Did you make a finding, based your review
- of the record, that the number of speaker program 21
- topics increased after this repeat attendee rule was
- 23 rolled out?
- 24 A. I did not.
- 25 Q. Okay. And then if you scroll to the bottom
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  - of Mr. Meyer's e-mail, you'll see he writes, after
- the chart there, "Robert Collett, in OLP operations,
- recently sent an e-mail detailing how you can check
- **HCP** attendance -- attendance in Centris."
  - Do you know what Centris is?
- 6 A. I believe I do. I think it's a -- it is an
- automated attendance tracking system. I don't know
- if it was part of the AHM, but it was some automated
- 9 data control, as I understand it.
- 10 Q. That's right. And so were you aware that
- the company implemented an electronic system that
- automatically tracked and controlled the ability of
- a TS to invite an attendee who had already hit their
- 14 cap?

- 15 A. Was I aware that they had that sort of
- system, yes, but I had a -- I was curious as to how
- they categorized the attendees who were 17
- 18 nonreportable or who reported their credentials as
- 19 "other" or were not what I would consider and what
- 20 the business conduct would -- conduct manual would
- consider to be appropriate attendees. I don't know
- 22 how they were counted, whether they were counted in
- 23 Centris or --
- 24 Q. Of course.
- 25 A. -- you know, they allowed the secretaries

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- 1 to go to more than three dinners. I have no idea.
- Q. Well -- well, did you satisfy your 2
- 3 curiosity by taking a look at the Centris records?
  - A. If I had access to the Centris -- Centris
- records, I didn't -- I didn't call them by Centris.
- I don't know if I had access to them. 6
- Q. And the issue --7
- 8 A. But, no, I didn't go back and do that
- additional checking, no.
- 10 Q. The issue you just raised about nurses or
- 11 office clerks, that has nothing to do with the
- 12 repeat attendee issue. Centris just determined if a
- 13 specific person, by their name, had hit the cap,
- 14 correct?
- 15 A. Well, it says "HCP attendance" in this
- 16 document that you showed me.
- 17 Q. Uh-hm.
- 18 So I presume they're talking about doctors,
- 19 prescribers, health care professionals. I don't
- 20 know if it's everybody who went to the -- the
- 21 dinner.
- 22 Q. Do you have any reason --
- 23 A. Medical students, the billing people.
- 24 Q. Do you have any reason to believe, as you
- 25 sit here today, that Gilead's automatic tracking
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- 1 system in Centris, to monitor for repeat attendees,
- 2 did not track office managers, receptionists, and
- 3 other attendees?
- 4 A. I don't know that, so I -- so I really
- 5 don't know.
- 6 Q. Okay. Okay.
- 7 A. I mean, I just -- I couldn't speculate
- about it. 8
- Q. All right. And you're aware that there was
- 10 a hard stop in the system when you hit your
- 11 attendance limit, correct?
- 12 A. Yes, but when was the information entered
- 13 into Centris? I'm not sure. Was that before or
- 14 after the event?
- Q. So, I get to ask the questions today. 15
- 16 A. Oh, sorry.
- 17 Q. As much as I would love to answer them.
- 18 A. Sorry.
- Q. But I -- I appreciate the point of 19
- 20 clarification. Let's take a look at one of these
- 21 sent rise documents real quick.
- 22 MR. LUSKEY: So this will be Exhibit 13.
- 23 This is Tab 252.
- THE STENOGRAPHER: And I'm going to ask you 24
- 25 to slow down, please.

- MR. LUSKEY: No problem.
- 2 (Exhibit 13 was marked for identification.)
- 3 BY MR. LUSKEY:
  - Q. Have you seen Exhibit 13 before?
- 5 I think I have seen this one before.
- 6 Q. For the record, it's Gilead Purcell 275599
- 7 through 5646.
- 8 I don't believe this is on your materials
- considered, but you believe you -- you did review 9
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- 11 A. I -- I think I've seen something like this
- 12 and that's how I learned about Centris, but I'm not
- 13 sure.
- 14 Q. Okay. And on Slide 2 of this document, it
- 15 explains that Gilead was migrating from G-Event to
- Centris, right? 16
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And then on Slide 3, it talks about some of
- the benefits of Centris, including improved data
- reporting, right? 20
- 21 A. Right.
- 22 Q. All right. And then on Slide 4, it talks
- about what's different, and it talks about, on the
- fourth bullet point -- or excuse me, it talks about,
- in the fifth bullet point, the ability to check HCP
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- program attendance limits, right? 1
  - 2 A. Yes.
  - Q. Are technology system improvements like 3
  - 4 this one typically a good idea, from your
  - 5 perspective, in terms of improvements to a
  - 6 compliance program?
  - 7 A. I think that -- yes, I think that
  - electronic recordkeeping can be very helpful, yes. 8
  - 9 Q. And sometimes they can require a
  - significant financial investment from the company, 10
  - 11 right?
  - 12 A. Yes, uh-hm.
  - 13 Q. But it can lead to enhanced controls, fair?
  - 14 A. Sometimes.
  - 15 Q. Yeah. And then if you scroll to page --
  - Slide 17, it talks about the HCP attendance cap
  - limits under business rules. And it says the
  - 18 business conduct manual limits HCP attendance to
  - three meetings on the same topic per calendar year.
  - It is not permissible to knowingly invite HCPs to
  - your programs when they have exceeded that limit.
  - New functionality in Centris reps can confirm
  - whether invitees exceeded the cap for the topic
  - 24 being presented, correct?
  - 25 A. Yes.

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A. That's correct.

Q. Okay. Thank you. Let's continue on. We

Virginia B. Evans Page 175 Page 173 Q. And then on Slide 18, it's a little hard to can take that document down. 2 read, but it's sort of a screenshot of this Centris 2 You opine, in your expert report, that 3 system, and in the screenshot, it shows something Gilead's compliance program around speaker programs 4 called Centris Mobile that has an error message and advisory boards was ineffective for a number of 5 that -reasons. And you start by listing some of the 6 government guidance in this area that sort of frames A. Right. 7 Q. -- says, "Error while validating rule. Max your opinions. I want to walk through some of that guidance. pre-participant. Cap validation failed. Count 8 9 limit for participation exceeded." So you first -- and we can flip to this 9 10 So it looks like it essentially alerts a TS 10 section of your report, just so we're all on the and blocks a TS from submitting a program with an same page. This is in your "Criteria For Analysis" 12 invite to you if it has already exceeded the cap; is section that starts on page 5. 13 that fair? 13 So you first use the -- or you first cite A. That's what it looks like, yes. 14 to the U.S. Sentencing Commission's sentencing 15 Q. Okay. Now, I understand your opinion that guidelines for organizations, correct? 16 some of these policy changes were not effectively 16 A. That's correct. 17 enforced and we will come to that. But with respect 17 MR. LUSKEY: I'll introduce that as 18 Exhibit 14, that's Tab 6. 18 to your opinion that Gilead did no meaningful risk 19 assessment or monitoring that drove policy changes, 19 (Exhibit 14 was marked for identification.) 20 BY MR. LUSKEY: 20 how do you reconcile that opinion with the documents 21 21 we've looked at, at least with respect to the repeat Q. And you won't need to flip through these 22 yet. I'm going to go through and introduce them all 22 attendee issue? 23 A. Again, if you look at the compliance and then you can refer back to them as needed. 24 program as a whole and you look at what they did 24 Does that sound okay, Ms. Evans? 25 with respect to repeat attendance and the -- the 25 A. Uh-hm. Okay. Page 176 Page 174 1 risk that they were able to identify in 2014, it --1 Q. All right. And these guidelines apply to 2 it was apparent to me, looking at all of the sentencing of organizational defendants in federal 3 information and documents that I've referenced in my 3 criminal cases, correct? 4 report, that for the period 2015, 2016, even into 4 A. That's correct. 5 2017, they were still having -- Gilead was still Q. The DOJ -- and in this case, the DOJ reviewed and investigated the relator's allegations 6 having problems with repeat attendees at its speaker 7 programs and it -- it seemed to be the same -- among 7 about Gilead's speaker program and advisory boards, 8 correct? 8 other things, there were round robins going on, so 9 9 one physician would speak and -- and another THE STENOGRAPHER: I need you to slow down, 10 physician, maybe in his practice, would be an 10 please. I need you to repeat that and I need you 11 attendee and then a month later, you'd see that 11 to --12 12 flip, and that -- that actually did not stop. So, MR. SHAH: Object to form. 13 whatever they did with respect to these policies 13 THE STENOGRAPHER: Wait, wait, wait. Wait, 14 were not implement -- implemented and I found the wait. I need you to slow down and I need you to 15 compliance program, therefore, to be ineffective. 15 repeat that question. 16 Q. And so it's still your expert opinion, to a 16 MR. LUSKEY: Ab- -- ab- -- absolutely. 17 reasonable degree of certainty, as you sit here 17 Everyone ready? 18 today, now that you've had a chance to review the 18 BY MR. LUSKEY: 19 2014 audit report and the 2015 Speaker Program 19 Q. In this case, the DOJ reviewed and 20 Working Group and the David Ralston e-mail from 20 investigated the relator's allegations about 21 21 October 2015, it's still your opinion that Gilead Gilead's speaker programs and advisory boards, 22 "engaged in virtually no meaningful risk assessment 22 correct? 23 activities," correct? 23 MR. SHAH: Object to form.

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You can answer.

THE WITNESS: I don't know the answer to

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- A. -- but, yeah, I mean, I thought that was
- 2 a -- they basically said there were other ways to
- 3 get this information and -- and, you know, although
- 4 we agree that peer-to-peer education may be
- 5 worthwhile, there are other ways to do this which
- wouldn't raise compliance risk.
- 7 Q. Yep, yep. I was surprised by that, too,
- but we'll come back to that. 8
- 9 All right. So, I want you to have in front
- 10 of you, and I know this is hard to do on Zoom, but
- we've got the -- one, two, three, four -- five 11
- guidance documents that -- that we just walked
- 13 through.

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- 14 A. Right.
- 15 Q. The Exhibit 14 is the sentence commission,
- 16 Exhibit 15 is the DOJ guidance, Exhibit 6 -- excuse
- 17 me, 16 was the 2003 OIG guidance, and then 17 and 18
- are the two versions of the PhRMA code. So I've got
- some questions I want to ask you about all of that
- 20 guidance as a whole.
- 21 A. Okav.
- 22 Q. Let me start with this, on page 11 of your
- 23 report, you opine -- and let me refer you to this
- specifically. This is the third bullet point.
- A. Uh-hm. 25

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- Q. You opine that Gilead's compliance program 1 did not prevent repeat attendance at speaker
- programs and ad boards.
- 4 Can you point me to any specific language
- 5 in Exhibits 14 through 18 that forbids repeat
- attendance at speaker programs or ad boards?
- 7 A. No, I cannot, but I -- I would have to say
- that repeat attendees is something that is -- can be
- evidence of compliance risk. The reason being, that
- 10 if these are sham speaker programs or if you've got
- people who are getting together to -- at the sales
- 12 representative's request to have a nice dinner and,
- 13 you know, thereby influencing both attendees and the
- 14 speaker to use the -- the product that the sales
- 15 representative is promoting, then I think that
- 16 repeat attendance does raise a red flag.
- 17 Q. And -- and Ms. Evans, I fully appreciate
- 18 your opinion on and why it raises a compliance risk
- 19 and why it raises an AKS risk. And I promise, I'm
- 20 going to do my -- I'm running out of time, but I'm
- 21 going to do my best to get to each of those modules
- 22 in your report. Right now, I just have a series of
- 23 questions about whether Exhibits 14 through 18
- specifically comment on any of these particular
- 25 issues I want to ask about, and so if you would

- oblige me, I would ask you to just answer that
  - question about whether it's reflected in these
- particular documents, and then later, we will talk
- about your broader opinions about why these raise
- anti-kickback risks. Is that fair?
  - A. That's fair.
  - Q. Okay. All right. So the next question I
- have is on page 12 of your report, you opine that
- "Gilead's compliance program did not prevent the
- speaker programs from being social events because
- the presentation of educational content was merely a
- fraction of the whole promotional event."
- 13 Can you point me to any specific language
- in Exhibits 14 through 18 that requires the
- presentation at a speaker program to be a certain
- percentage of the overall duration of the event?
- 17 A. No.

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- Q. All right. And then on page 19 of your
- 19 report, you opine --
- 20 MR. SHAH: Page 19?
- 21 MR. LUSKEY: Yeah, sorry, page 19. Yeah.
- 22 MR. SHAH: Thanks.
- 23 MR. LUSKEY: No problem.
- 24 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 25 Q. You opine on page 19 that Gilead should not
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- have invited or allowed nonprescribers to attend
  - 3 A. Yes.
  - 4 Q. Can you point to any specific language in
  - Exhibits 14 through 18, the written guidance you
  - have cited, that prohibits pharmaceutical companies

speaker program events; do you recall that opinion?

- from inviting or allowing nonprescribers to attend
- speaker programs?
- A. Well, there is language in the PhRMA code
- and I believe that there is language in the OIG
- guidance about guests, spouse, spouses, and inviting
- prescribers for whom the content is not relevant.
  - So, I believe that material is in those
- 14 industry codes and in the pharmaceutical compliance
- 15 guidance.
- 16 Q. Do you believe there is any language in
- those documents that states that nonprescribers 17
  - should not be allowed to attend speaker program
- 19 events?
- 20 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes, I do. Guests, spouses,
- persons for whom the content is not relevant.
- 23 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 24 Q. Right. And I'm familiar with the guests
- 25 and spouses language, and -- and that's a fair

Virginia B. Evans Page 195 Page 193 1 clarification. Let me try and ask my question approved? 1 2 2 A. That's what it said, yes. 3 Can you point to any specific language in 3 Q. Right. On page 38 of your report --4 the written guidance you have cited here, Exhibits 4 A. Okay. 14 through 18, that forbids pharmaceutical companies 5 Q. -- you opine that having the sales and 6 from inviting all nonprescribers to speaker program marketing business units select speakers and 7 event? determine the business needs of speakers is a A. No. 8 suspect characteristic for potential AKS violations, right? 9 Q. Okay. On page 21 of your report, you opine 9 10 that -- and let me see if I can point you to the 10 A. That's correct. 11 right passage here. I realize I need to do a better 11 Q. I want to put aside the 2020 special fraud job directing you to the specific language. One 12 alert for a moment, which we'll come back to. 13 moment. 13 Can you point to any specific language in 14 All right. In the second paragraph, in the the written guidance you have cited, Exhibits 14 15 middle, you note that "Gilead did not engage in a through 18, that was in effect during the relevant significant level of third-party monitoring." period here, that prohibits sales and marketing 16 17 Do you see that? 17 employees from playing a role in selecting speakers? 18 A. Yes, I do. Yes. Uh-hm. 18 A. I would have to go back through the OIG 19 Q. Okay. Can you point to any specific 19 compliance guidance for pharmaceutical 20 language in the written guidance you have cited that manufacturers, but I believe there is language in requires a certain frequency of third-party the -- in those regulatory guidance documents' 22 monitoring of speaker programs? language that concerns the use of sales -- the sales 23 A. I believe the pharmaceutical compliance --23 side of a business to determine who the speaker 24 the compliance guidance for pharmaceutical companies 24 should be --25 may have something in there about monitoring and 25 Q. Well --Page 194 Page 196 A. -- and --1 auditing. 1 2 2 Q. You believe it speaks to or -- excuse me, Q. -- let's let you review that. I don't want 3 strike that. 3 to hide the ball here. So let's pull up that 4 You believe there's specific language that document. I believe the one you cited was Tab 3, 5 requires a certain frequency or amount of 5 right, the OIG guidance? 6 third-party monitoring? 6 A. Yes. 7 7 A. I'm not sure it says third-party Q. Sorry, Exhibit 16 is what I meant. And 8 monitoring, and I don't know -- I can't recall, at we'll go off the record and give you -- give you a 9 this point, whether it specifically goes into the moment to review it. 10 frequency of monitoring, but -- so, no, I can't 10 A. Okay. Can I drive this now or --11 recall. 11 Q. I hope so. 12 Q. Okay. And then on page 31 of your report, 12 A. Maybe not. you talk about how Gilead should not have let sales 13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Would you like me to 14 managers attend advisory board meetings, right? 14 take us off the record, Counsel? 15 A. That's right. 15 MR. LUSKEY: Yeah, let's go off the record. 16 Q. Can you point to any specific language in 16 Thank you. 17 the written guidance you've cited that prohibits 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The time is 18 sales managers from attending advisory board 18 3:16 p.m. We are off the record. 19 meetings? 19 (Lunch break was taken from 3:16 p.m. until 20 A. No, I don't think I can. However, I did 20 3:27 p.m.) 21 find language in the business conduct manuals that 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are back on

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the record and the time is 3:27 p.m.

Q. Ms. Evans, now that you've had an 25 opportunity to review Exhibit 16 off the record, can

BY MR. LUSKEY:

22 would have said that salespersons should not be --

Q. Except for regional directors, correct, if

23 sales personnel should not attend advisory board

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meetings.

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Virginia B. Evans 1 you point to any specific language in the written

2 guidance you have cited that prohibited sales and

3 marketing employees from having a role in selecting

4 speakers?

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A. No.

6 Q. All right. On page 50 of your report, you

7 opine that one of the reasons Gilead's compliance

program was ineffective was that it failed to

9 prevent some speaker program events from featuring

10 alcohol.

11 Do you recall that opinion?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. Can you point --

14 A. And I'm sorry, what was -- what was your

15 question again?

Q. Oh, I haven't asked it yet. 16

17 A. Oh.

18 Q. I just asked if you recalled that opinion.

19 Sorry.

20 A. Yeah, uh-hm.

21 Q. Can you point to any specific language, in

22 the written guidance you have cited, that forbids

23 serving alcohol at speaker program events?

24 A. No.

25 Q. And you also opine, in this section of your

Page 197 1 issue.

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2 Q. Can you point to any specific language in

the written guidance you have cited that requires

pharmaceutical companies to only compensate for the

portion of the program where the speaker is actually

6 presenting?

A. I don't think so, no.

8 Q. Okay. And on pages 59 through 62 of your

report, you opine that one of the reasons that

Gilead's compliance practices were ineffective was

because the business conduct department was not

12 involved with the actual operation of the speaker

programs or ad boards, correct?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. Can you point to any specific language in

16 the written guidance you have cited that requires

the compliance department to be directly responsible

for the operation of speaker programs or advisory

19 boards?

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20 MR. SHAH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Well, the -- yes. With

respect to the HHS-OIG compliance guidance for

pharmaceutical manufacturers, there is language that

states that one of the things that the compliance

department should be doing is assessing the risk and

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1 report, that the \$125 meal cap was excessive in

certain jurisdictions, correct?

3 A. Yes.

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Q. Can you point to any specific language, in

5 any of the written guidance you have cited, that

6 sets a value threshold on the food that should be

7 served at speaker program events?

A. No, just that it be modest by local 8

9 standards.

10 Q. Okay. And you also opine in your report

11 that one of the reasons Gilead's compliance program

12 was ineffective was because some speakers were

compensated for two hours of service, even though

14 the presentation portion of the program lasted for

15 less than two hours, correct?

16 A. I'm sorry, can you tell me that again?

17 Q. Yeah, no problem.

18 You also opine in your report that one of

19 the reasons Gilead's compliance program was

20 ineffective was that it allowed some speak- -- it

21 compensated some speakers for two hours of service,

22 even though the medical or scientific presentation

23 portion of the program lasted for less than two

24 hours, correct?

25 A. Yes, I felt that that was a compliance then determining whether or not there are policies

that deter that risk or to prevent that risk from

3 occurring, and whether or not the policies were

4 implemented, and, finally, whether or not they were

5 followed.

6 Q. Okay.

7 A. So, yes, I think there is language in -- in

the guidance --8

9 THE STENOGRAPHER: I'm sorry, you said yes?

10 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry?

11 THE STENOGRAPHER: So, yes, I think...

12 THE WITNESS: There is language in the

guidance that refers to the compliance department or

business conduct department being involved in

15 monitoring and addressing the risk for certain

16 activities.

17 BY MR. LUSKEY:

18 Q. Can you point to any specific language, in

the written guidance you have cited, that addresses

minimum attendee requirements at speaker program

21 events?

22 A. No, I don't believe so.

23 Q. Can you point to any specific language, in

24 the written guidance you have cited, that states

25 that office staff are inappropriate attendees at

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## 1 speaker program events?

2 A. Again, I would point out to the -- I would

3 point you to the PhRMA code and to the OIG

4 compliance guidance for pharmaceutical manufacturers

- 5 where it says that guests are not appropriate and
- 6 that the speaker program should be designed to
- 7 impart clinical, medical, scientific information
- 8 designed to help the patients, and certainly the
- 9 business conduct manual stated that office staff
- 10 were not appropriate attendees.
- 11 Q. Can you cite to anything in those
- 12 documents, the written guidance documents, that
- 13 suggests, for instance, nonprescribing nurses are
- 14 categorically inappropriate attendees at speaker
- 15 program events?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Okay. Is there anything -- any specific
- 18 language, in the written guidance that you have
- cited, that prohibits incentive compensation plans
- 20 that are tied to prescription volumes?
- 21 A. The OIG compliance guidance for
- 22 pharmaceutical manufacturers makes a point of
- 23 explaining that when sales representatives have
- 24 compensation plans that are tied to their sales and
- 25 they're also dealing with referral sources or

- Page 201 uses that language.
  - Q. Let's take a look at Exhibit 18, the 2009 2
  - PhRMA code. If we look at Question 16 in that
  - document. Take a moment to review it. And then you
    - can review the answer, too.
      - A. And what's the question?
  - 7 Q. So have you had a chance to review the
  - 8 answer yet?

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- 9 A. Nope.
- 10 Q. Take your time.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. The question considers a scenario in which
- prospective speakers would be selected based on
- recommendations of the company's district managers
- and an assessment of their qualifications by the
- 16 company's medical or scientific personnel, correct?
- 17 A. It does.

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- Q. And the answer states that that satisfies
- the provisions in the code that require potential
- speakers to be selected based on defined criteria
- 21 such as medical expertise, knowledge, and
- 22 experience, correct?
- 23 A. It -- I don't agree with your
- characterization of the answer. The answer doesn't
- really talk about the propriety of the regional

- 1 prescribers, that this is a high risk area and so it
- 2 should be something that is managed and controlled
- 3 and reviewed, audited.
- 4 Q. Understood. So that language does not
- prohibit incentive compensation programs that are
- 6 tied to prescription volumes?
- 7 A. That are tied to what? I'm sorry.
- Q. Prescription volumes. 8
- 9 A. No, I don't think it does.
- 10 Q. All right. Is there --
- 11 A. Doesn't use those words.
- 12 Q. -- is there anything in the written
- guidance you have cited that requires live
- monitoring of advisory boards? 14
- 15 A. I don't think so.
- 16 Q. Okay. Is there any specific language, in
- 17 any of the written guidance you have cited, that
- includes a cap for advisory board payments? 18
- 19 A. I don't believe so.
- 20 Q. Does the PhRMA code specifically allow for
- 21 district managers to nominate speakers, subject to
- 22 medical review and approval?
- 23 A. No, I don't believe the PhRMA code talks
- 24 about regional managers or regional directors. I'd
- 25 have to go back and look at it, but I don't think it

- director making the nomination. It's more is there
- a process by which a speaker is nominated and then
- approved by the medical scientists and is there --
- are there predefined criteria, such as medical
- expertise, knowledge, and experience and -- and
- 6 other sorts of qualifications. It doesn't really
- 7 talk about the propriety of a sales regional
- director. Maybe it's a marketing regional director.
- 9 Maybe it's a -- I don't know. You know, what
- 10 regional director.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. So I -- I hesitate to agree with your
- characterization of that answer.
- 14 Q. Okay. We could take that document down.
- 15 Finally, in your report, you also cite the
- 16 OIG special fraud alert from November 2020, correct?
- 17 A. Right.
- 18 Q. And -- and that would not have been issued
- 19 until after the relevant period in this case;
- 20 correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 Q. And so, for instance, some of the things
- 23 that you talked about earlier that might have been
- surprising, like, Gilead would have had no way to
- 25 know about that guidance during the relevant period

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1	Page 217 speaker programs, was too small and it was	Page 219 1 THE WITNESS: That was my understanding,
2	understaffed.	2 yes.
3	Q. What evidence did you rely on to conclude	3 BY MR. LUSKEY:
4	that Gilead's compliance department was strikingly	4 Q. Okay. And you said that she
5	similar to the compliance department was strikingly	
6	overseen by a former paralegal at Teva?	6 Q. You said that business conduct was present
7	MR. SHAH: Object to the form.	7 at speaker training, but not at speaker programs.
8	THE WITNESS: But that's just one part of	8 You know that business conduct was present at
9	the opinion, but so, I as I said, I thought	9 advisory boards as well, correct?
10	that in in both cases, the pharmaceutical company	10 A. They might attend an advisory board
11	had a compliance program that was just simply too	11 meeting. I have a vague recollection of something
12	small and spread too thin to have an effective	12 about that, but I can't recall the specifics of it,
13	oversight role with respect to the speaker programs.	13 Mr. Luskey.
14	For example, it would have been nice, at some point,	14 Q. So as you sit here today, you don't have
15	to see have information that a compliance	15 sufficient information to conclude whether business
16	department staff member, maybe not even an attorney,	16 conduct was frequently at advisory board meetings?
17	but someone was actually present at one of the	17 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
18	speaker programs. I know that they were present at	18 THE WITNESS: I I would I would be
19	speaker training, but it was pretty clear that	19 well, strike that.
20	that even at the end of the speaker trainings, the	20 I I don't know how often they were at
21	speakers didn't know, for example, was an	21 advisory board meetings. They might have attended
22	appropriate attendee. So I just I it was my	22 sporadically, but I don't I don't recall it being
23	opinion, based on the totality of the evidence that	23 a regular occasion.
24	I reviewed, that both Teva and Gilead had compliance	24 MR. LUSKEY: Okay. Let's take a look at
25	departments that were too small to really handle	25 the Gilead business conduct department here. We
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- 15 Q. -- senior counsel in the liver disease
- 16 unit; is that right?
- A. Yes. 17
- 18 Q. Overseeing the HBV therapeutic area,
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And then below her, you've got an
- 22 individual named Greg Sicilian, who was counsel in
- the HBV area; is that right?
- 24 A. Yes.
- Q. Is that a name you recognize from seeing 25

- 15 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 16 THE WITNESS: I remember seeing the
- 17 privilege log.
- 18 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 19 Q. And so -- but back to my question, based on
- 20 your review of materials in this case, is it your
- understanding that Courtney Desmond and Dana
- 22 Emadzadeh had some responsibility for the HBV
- 23 therapeutic area?
- 24 A. It was my understanding that they had
- 25 responsibility for all franchises with respect to

Page 257 1 believe it was the testimony -- testimony of Marc

2 Aquino about one of his therapeutic specialists who

3 wanted to add a Dr. Raven- -- Ravensteyn, I think

4 was his name, because he was a believer and I think

5 we'll make him a speaker, is what she says, so that

6 he'll believe even more. And the point of her

7 business plan was to increase his prescriptions.

8 There were also other instances in the

9 documents that I reviewed, the testimony and the

10 evidence, that indicated to me that making a

11 physician a speaker was something that was going to

12 be beneficial to the speaker and would also be

13 something that could be used to increase their

14 willingness to prescribe Viread or VEM- -- VEMLIDY,

15 depending on what drug was being promoted.

16 Q. Right, and this is your chance to get all 17 those instances out there.

18 You've given me Dr. Ravensteyn, and the Marc Aguino example, and then the Dr. Iskandarani e-mail, which we've just reviewed. 20

21 Any others?

22 A. Well, I'm sure there are others and they're

23 in my report and I have -- I did not name all of the

documents that I reviewed in my report, did not cite

25 them all, but I found lots of evidence to suggest

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that that's what was going on. 1

Q. But I've reviewed your report, these are 2

3 the documents you cite in this section to

substantiate your point that speaker selection was

5 being used to induce prescriptions. Are there --

6 are there any -- is there anything else out there,

7 other than what you've told me about?

8 MR. SHAH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: Well, certainly the

conversation that you started with, sir, when you

were citing to -- I believe it was Ms. Groome and

12 one of her TSs who said, you know, no talks -- no

13 scripts, no talks.

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MR. LUSKEY: Good point, I agree with you.

That is -- that is a pretty clear example. 15

16 All right. Let's keep marching through.

17 BY MR. LUSKEY:

18 Q. And you cite to Ms. Larson's deposition

19 testimony with respect to this particular exhibit as

20 well relating to Dr. Iskandarani, right?

21 A. Right.

22 Q. You recall that Ms. Larson testified --

23 testified that increasing his prescript- --

prescriptions and his market share was not one of

25 the reasons he was nominated to be a speaker,

1 correct?

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2 A. I recall that she testified something to

3 that effect, but I don't recall any specifics.

Q. Okay. And you don't -- and you don't

5 believe her, correct?

6 A. I tried not to make a judgment as to the

7 veracity of what people testified to. I just look

at all the facts and the circumstances, and maybe

she was mistaken. I'm not going to say that

somebody was being untruthful. So...

11 Q. Well, it -- but in this instance, you have,

12 in fact, concluded that you don't believe her,

13 correct?

14 MR. SHAH: Object to form.

THE WITNESS: I didn't say that.

16 BY MR. LUSKEY:

17 Q. Well -- well, she testified that one of the

reasons Dr. Iskandarani was added was not to 18

increase his market share and you've seen -- and

you've concluded in your report that it was, right?

A. Yes, I did.

22 Q. Okay. And is there any contrary deposition

23 testimony from anyone in this case that supports

24 your opinion?

25 A. About Dr. Isk- --

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1 Q. Correct.

> 2 A. -- Iskandarani?

3 Q. (Counsel nods head.)

4 A. I don't know. I haven't seen much else. I

didn't run Dr. Iskandarani's name through the list

and stuff, so, no, I can't think of anything at this

7 point.

8 Q. All right. So you looked at that

attachment and based on your interpretation of that

attachment, you concluded that Ms. Larson's

11 testimony was not credible?

12 I did not conclude that.

13 Q. Then how did you reach your opinion that

the reason he was added was, in fact, to increase

his prescriptions? 15

16 A. I had a difference of opinion.

17 Q. A difference of opinion with Ms. Larson's

18 under-oath testimony?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. Okay. And you're certainly not making any

21 credibility assessments as an expert, right?

22 A. No, I would -- no, I'm not.

Q. Okay. And then you cite, in your report at

page 36, a number of these opinion leader engagement

spreadsheets. I'm not going to pull them all up. I

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A. I didn't --

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- MR. SHAH: Object to form of the question.
- 3 THE WITNESS: I did not make a -- an
- 4 assessment as to credibility. I --
- 5 MR. LUSKEY: Okay.
- 6 THE WITNESS: -- I understood that some
- 7 people may be incorrect in their testimony; they may
- 8 have misunderstood things. I don't know, but what I
- 9 can say is that if you have a compliance program and
- 10 whether or not people are abiding by the terms of
- 11 the compliance program is secret, then that's not
- 12 exactly a fulsome way to make the -- the program
- 13 effective.
- 14 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 15 Q. Okay. And you -- you're aware that
- 16 business conduct was involved in speaker training,
- 17 obviously, right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Okay. And -- and I think you've already
- 20 testified that you are aware that business conduct
- 21 at least occasionally attended advisory boards. You
- 22 said you didn't know how frequently, right?
- 23 A. Right, I recall some testimony, yeah.
- 24 Q. All right. Your opinion that the marketing
- 25 department, and not the business conduct department,
  - Page 294
- 1 oversaw the speaker programs and advisory boards,
- 2 what government, OIG, DOJ guidance would you point
- 3 to to suggest that the legal or compliance
- 4 department should run speaker programs?
- 5 A. I don't -- I -- I can point you to
- 6 the -- excuse me, HSS-OIG compliance guidance for
- 7 pharmaceutical manufacturers which put the
- 8 compliance officer and the compliance department
- 9 kind of at the head, if you will, of a compliance
- 10 program, and it is ultimately their responsibility,
- 11 under the OIG guidance, to be -- to make sure that
- 12 the compliance program is supported by policies,
- 13 that there are policies covering the risks, that the
- 14 policies are risk based, that the risks -- excuse
- 15 me, that the policies are being followed and
- 16 implemented, and if there are missing policies, then
- 17 to address those and -- and address the new -- newly
- 18 arising risks.
- 19 And in this case, I did not see that. I
- 20 saw therapeutic specialists and others who are left
- 21 to their own discretion and were biased because they
- 22 were trying to get the prescribers that they were
- 23 nominating as speakers to write prescriptions so
- 24 they could get more compensation. They were biased.
- 25 I didn't see any controls over that. They were

- 1 basically out there on their own, trying to figure
- 2 out how to do something that, frankly, ran counter
- 3 to the business conduct manual, which --
  - Q. Understood.
- 5 A. -- said invite prescribers.
- 6 Q. Understood.
  - And are you familiar with OIG guidance that
- 3 the involvement of sales and marketing personnel is
- 9 key to a successful compliance program?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you agree with that, correct?
- 12 A. I do.
- 13 Q. Your testimony here today is not that sales
- 14 and marketing should have no role in terms of
- 15 applying and enforcing compliance programs and
- 6 policies as they relate to speaker programs, right?
- 17 A. That is not my testimony.
  - Q. Okay. All right. A few questions about
- 19 venues. I'm going to cover this pretty quickly.
- 20 So you opine in your report that Gilead's
- 21 compliance program was ineffective because it --
- 22 some of the venues provided an entertainment
- 23 experience for the attendees.
- 24 This is on page -- that's the language you
  - use on page 12. What did you mean by an

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- 1 entertainment experience?
- 2 A. Well, I think we talked about the open bar
- 3 on March -- in March of 2005 for Dr. Hee, but there
- 4 were other, you know, sort of high-end -- I think
- 5 there was one at The Palm where the steaks were \$100
- 6 and lobsters and -- you know, the experience of
- 7 dining out at a fancy restaurant is in -- in -- it
- 8 may be, in itself, entertainment and that's not
- 9 consistent with the PhRMA code, which says that
- 10 meals should be modest and entertainment is not
- 11 appropriate.
- 12 Q. Okay. So when you said that Gilead
- 13 provided an entertainment experience, you were
- 14 referring to instances like that where it was a nice
- 15 dinner?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay. And further on, on page 12 of your
- 8 report, you opined that Gilead held speaker programs
- 19 and ad board meetings at high-end venues.
  - What did you mean by that?
- 21 A. Well -- excuse me. I think places like
- 22 Ruth's Chris and The Palm, you know, very nice
- 23 restaurants.
- 24 Q. What is the basis of your opinion that Ruth
- 25 Chris is a world-renowned, high-end restaurant? I

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- 1 believe, was explaining that it was no longer
- 2 necessary to limit speaker programs or ad boards --
- 3 or speaker training, maybe, to venues that were
- 4 either casinos, golf clubs, golf courses, or -- I
- 5 forget the other one. I don't think it was resorts,
- 6 but it might have been.
- 7 Q. Out of the 3,300 or so speaker programs at
- 8 issue in this case, how many did you identify that
- were held at casinos, golf clubs, or resorts?
- 10 A. I didn't make a calculation.
- 11 Q. You just -- you just cited to that one in
- 12 your report, correct?
- 13 A. But there were -- there were many others.
- 14 Q. Oh, really? Tell us about the others. I
- 15 haven't seen any others.
- 16 A. Oh, I'm sorry, casinos, golf clubs, or
- 17 resorts?
- Q. Yes. 18
- 19 A. Oh, I'm sorry, no. I misunderstood you.
- 20 Q. It was just that one, correct?
- 21 A. That I'm aware of, yes.
- 22 Q. That one is on page 50 of your report. You
- opine that Gilead allowed exceptions to the speaker 23
- program policies prohibiting meals at fancy venues,
- golf clubs, or resorts and then you cite to

- Page 301 A. Not that come to mind immediately, so, no. 1
  - 2 Q. All right. You opine about the \$125 per
  - person meal cap, including food. Your -- your
  - testimony is that you -- you view that as excessive;
  - is that correct?
  - 6 A. Yes.

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- Q. The other companies that you have counseled
- in this area, do they also have meal caps?
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- 10 Q. Approximately what were those meal caps?
- 11 A. About the same.
- 12 Q. Okav.
- A. 1- -- 125. Yep. 13
- 14 Q. Did you say -- did you tell them they
- needed to bring that number down; it was too high? 15
- 16 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: No, I didn't; however, were I
- to provide counsel to organizations that were in a
- different geographic region, I might reconsider.
- BY MR. LUSKEY: 20
- 21 Q. Okay. What should that number have been,
- 22 from your -- in your expert opinion?
- 23 A. I'm sorry?
- 24 Q. What should that meal cap per person number
- 25 have been, in your expert opinion?

- 1 Ms. Larson's deposition testimony about a speaker 1
- program that was done with the Philippine Nurses
- 3 Association. Does that ring a bell?
- 4 A. Oh, I thought I was talking about the one
- 5 at the Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort. Is that the
- 6 same one?
- 7 Q. It is. I believe we're talking about the
- same event, that's correct. 8
- 9 A. Okay.
- Q. And you recall that that event was done in 10
- 11 conjunction with the Philippine Nurses Association,
- 12 a third party?
- 13 A. I have a vague recollection. Yes.
- 14 Q. You remember that when Ms. Larson was asked
- 15 about this particular event, she said that Gilead
- 16 had no control over a responsibility for where the
- 17 association was having this meeting?
- 18 A. I don't recall that, sir.
- 19 Q. Okay. And in that one instance, business
- 20 conduct considered and accepted the exception; is
- 21 that correct?
- 22 A. That's my understanding, yes.
- 23 Q. Did you find any other examples where
- 24 business conduct allowed an exception to the golf
- 25 clubs or resorts policy?

- MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I don't know. I'm not a
- 3 meeting planner, but, you know, it would seem to me
- that in certain areas, you could have a modest
- dinner for less than 125.
- BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 7 Q. Okay. That would include the dinner and
- the beverage and the tax and the tip, correct?
- 9 A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. Okay. And did you review the -- the
- deposition transcript of Kimberly Groome where she
- testified that the next company she went to after
- 13 Gilead had \$145 meal cap?
- 14 A. No, I did not -- I -- I may have read that,
- 15 but I don't remember it.
- 16 Q. I assume you would also opine that that is
- 17 excessive, correct?
- 18 A. I'm sorry?
- Q. I assume that you would -- you would opine 19
- 20 that that meal cap is also excessive, correct?
- 21 A. If it was national and not consistent with
- 22 modest-level standards, yes.
- 23 Q. Did you review Ms. Groome's testimony where
- she testified that she thought Gilead actually did a 24
- nice job of enforcing the meal cap limits?

Document 234-2 Virginia B. Evans Page 307 Page 305 A. No, I don't -- I did review it, but I -- I acted intentionally in bad faith, essentially? 1 2 can't recall that. 2 A. Right. Q. Do you disagree with that testimony? 3 3 Q. And that's an opinion that you plan to 4 A. No, I think they actually went over the offer in this case at trial? 5 limit pretty frequently. 5 A. Well, I'm not going to offer either Q. And when they went over the limit, did you 6 recklessly or willfully 'cause I don't know, but 7 identify examples of e-mail notifications that would certainly the business conduct manual stated that go out, including business conduct, and coaching, prescribers should be invited to speaker programs, 9 even when they went over the limit by only a few and not nonprescribers and not office staff 10 dollars? receptionists. So she either ignored that or maybe 11 A. I did see e-mails involving coaching and she didn't know about it and didn't check. I don't 12 admonitions to therapeutic specialists that they 12 think so, but --13 13 were over the meal limit and -- and exchanges, you Q. Okay. And you -- you've reviewed the know, with their supervisors, yes. 14 testimony of Erica Chien, Gilead's person most Q. Okay. All right. Let's take a break and knowledgeable and 30(b)(6) witness on this topic, 15 16 go off the record. 16 who -- who testified that the business conduct 17 A. Okay. 17 manual did not prohibit invitations to THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The time is 18 nonprescribers, correct? 18 19 6:02 p.m. 19 A. That's not the way I read the business 20 We are off the record. 20 conduct manual, sir. 21 21 Q. I understand that. That wasn't my (Short recess was taken from 6:02 p.m. 22 until 6:09 p.m.) question. My question was whether you read Erica 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're back on the Chien's testimony on that topic. 23 record and the time is 6:09 p.m. 24 A. I believe I did, yes. 25 25 /// Q. Okay. But you -- and notwithstanding that Page 306 Page 308 1 BY MR. LUSKEY: testimony, you think -- you still think Ms. Larson was either reckless or willful for having that same 2 Q. Ms. Evans, on page 22 of your report, you 2 3 view? 3 opine that Ms. Larson acted either recklessly or willfully in a certain respect. What did you mean 4 A. Yes, I think so. by "recklessly"? Q. Okay. And I asked you a second ago if that 5 6 A. Find where we are. was the testimony you plan to offer in this case and 7 Q. Oh, yeah, it's the last sentence of the I'm not sure I understood your answer. A. Well, I -- I don't know what her motivation 8 8 first full paragraph. 9 MR. SHAH: On page 22? was in ignoring what the business conduct manual 10 MR. LUSKEY: Correct. 10 plainly prohibited, so -- or whether she was THE WITNESS: Yes. Well -mistaken in her understanding of it, so I just don't 11

12 BY MR. LUSKEY:

13 Q. And just before you answer, my only 14 question is what you meant -- how you define the 15 term "recklessly."

16 A. So, she either knew that the business

17 conduct manual prohibited persons who were

18 nonprescribers from attending the speaker programs

19 and just decided to do it anyway, or she -- or she

20 ignored the fact intentionally because she had some

21 sort of animus, I don't know, or some sort of

22 intent. So I just don't know the answer to that

23 question, but "recklessly" would be knew it and just

24 didn't pay attention to it.

25 Q. Okay. And "willful" would be that she

12 know the answer to that. I couldn't testify whether

she was reckless or willful. It -- it just appears

to me that she was either one or the other. And 14

15 that's --

16 Q. So that is not -- so that is not an opinion

17 you plan to offer in this case, even though it's in

your expert report?

19 A. That she was either reckless or willful?

20 Q. That's correct.

21 A. No, I -- I stand by that. Yes, I would --

22 Q. Oh, I -- go on.

A. Yeah, I would stand by that, yes.

24 Q. I know you stand by it. My question is:

25 Is it an opinion you plan to offer in this case?

A. Right. Uh-hm.

2 Q. Okay. And is there anything in this

3 document that shows Gilead conducting a

return-on-investment analysis for ad boards?

A. Well, I -- I probably misspoke in my -- in 5

6 my report when I said "return on investment." I

7 think what I was pointing to is that they were

8 looking at the prescribing behavior and prescribing

patterns and -- and trying to get people who had not

10 been to an ad board and a speaker program to -- to

11 nominate them as speakers. So I guess my point in

12 the report was that they were, in fact, tracking the

13 prescriptions and the prescribing behavior and that

14 volume and value.

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15 Q. Okay. So you agree with me that there's

16 nothing in this document that shows Gilead

17 performing a return-on-investment analysis for

18 advisory boards, correct?

A. In that document, no. 19

20 Q. Okay. Have you seen any documents in this

21 case that substantiate your opinion that Gilead

performed return-on-investment analysis for --

23 analyses for ad boards?

24 A. I can't recall anything specific at this

25 point.

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Page 314 Q. Okay. You could take this one down.

You earlier testified that Gilead did this

3 on a regular basis. No documents you can point to

to substantiate that testimony?

A. Well, I would go back to my testimony that 5

6 on a regular basis -- I think many folks testified

7 that Gilead knew on a weekly, maybe even a daily

8 basis, what particular prescribers in a territory

9 were doing, in terms of not only the Gilead product,

10 but also their competitor products, and -- and they

11 did judge -- in fact, I think Leilani Larson

12 testified that there was, in fact, a

13 return-on-investment analysis done at some point. I

14 don't recall if it was ad boards or speaker

15 programs, but --

16 Q. Are you -- are you thinking of the

17 return-on-investment analyses -- analysis that she

18 testified to about speaker program attendees, the

one that you cite in your expert report? 19

20 A. I believe that might be it. And -- yeah, I

21 just -- I'm sorry, I can't recall.

22 Q. No problem. Certainly nothing

23 inappropriate about doing a return-on-investment

24 analysis for attendees, right?

25 A. Well, if your business conduct manual says

Page 315 1 don't do return on analysis of speakers because that

is -- and the reason behind that policy is because

it's going to make it look like you're selecting

speakers on the basis of the volume and -- and value

of their prescriptions, and then you turn around and

do a -- an analysis of the prescribing behavior of

everybody who was attend -- was an attendee, at the

same time sweeping in those speakers who were also

attendees -- or those attendees who were also

speakers, I got that backwards, then you would, in

fact, be doing a return-on-investment analysis that

would capture the speakers' prescribing behavior. 12

Q. Not after they spoke, but after they

14 attended an event, right?

15 A. Well, somehow it made -- I mean, they were

16 speakers, so they must have spoken --

17 Q. Yeah.

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18 A. -- must have been speakers at some point

19 because they're also attendees.

20 Q. Right. Right. So going back to your

21 opinion, that you state in a -- on page 30 of your

report, that "Gilead conducted a

return-on-investment analysis of ad board

participants," I'm not hearing any clear bases for

that opinion as we sit here today. Is there

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1 anything you can point me to?

> 2 MR. SHAH: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: I can't recall. 3

BY MR. LUSKEY:

5 Q. Okay. No problem.

6 Earlier we talked, in passing, briefly

about the Sam Lee investigation. Let's just cover

that briefly. You -- you cite to the Sam Lee

allegations on page 37 of your report, and you note

on page 37 of your report that you believe that

these allegations were not responded today

12 appropriately, correct?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. And you -- you certainly understand that

15 that investigation was conducted under privilege at

16 Gilead, correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And so you don't have any visibility into

19 how many employees were interviewed, correct?

20 A. Right.

21 Q. And you wouldn't know which documents the

22 Gilead legal team reviewed in order to investigate

those allegations, right?

24 A. That's correct.

25 Q. Do you know how long the investigation

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- 2 A. No, I don't.
- 3 Q. Okay. And --
- 4 A. I don't know that there was an
- 5 investigation, so...
- 6 Q. Well, you -- you do 'cause you reviewed the
- 7 Sam Lee deposition transcript, right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Okay. And you recall him talking --
- 10 A. Okay, yeah. Okay.
- 11 Q. That's fair. You recall him talking about
- 12 him being interviewed --
- 13 A. Right.
- 14 Q. -- and getting the closeout letter?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. Okay. How can you offer a reliable expert
- 17 opinion that these allegations were not responded to
  - 8 appropriately, if you don't have access to that
- 19 privileged internal investigation file?
- 20 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: All right, so the point that
- 22 I was making here is that when Sam Lee made these
- 23 allegations against his therapeutic specialist's
- 24 partner, Ms. Chien, they were specific -- they were
- 25 corroborated by some information that he had also

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  1 sample of the speaker programs that were hosted by
- 2 Ms. Chien, perhaps do a sample of the speaker
- 3 programs involving particular speakers, you know,
- A manual that is famous that allows a Bittle bit and are it
- 4 parse the information down a little bit and use it
- 5 from a compliance standpoint, not only just
- 6 investigating for the compliance breach, but using
- 7 the information to come up with policies, to come up
- 8 with, you know, some reports that could be, without
- 9 violating privilege, disseminated down to the
- 10 therapeutic specialists so that this kind of
- 11 behavior wouldn't happen again.
- 12 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 13 Q. And you don't -- you don't know whether
- 14 Gilead did such an audit of Ms. Chien's programs, do
- 15 you?
- 16 A. I -- I have not seen anything to indicate
- 17 that that was the case, no.
- 18 Q. Right. And is it appropriate, from your
- 19 perspective, for a company to conduct internal
- 20 investigations in a privileged fashion?
- 21 A. It is, yes.
- 22 Q. Have you ever done that?
- 23 A. I have done that.
- 24 Q. All right. And you say that --
- 25 A. I have also -- never mind.

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- 1 provided and some information that was independent
- 2 of Mr. Lee's statements, so not knowing, under
- 3 privileged, what Gilead did with that information,
- 4 what we do know is that the information that was5 provided by Mr. Lee should have caused additional
- 6 review of -- in my opinion, should have caused
- 7 additional review of the programs that were being
- 8 hosted by Catherine Chan, at the very least, and if
- 9 that had happened, perhaps some of the -- the more
- 10 egregious speaker programs would have been
- 11 determined at that point, some of the more egregious
- 12 compliance violations.
- 13 BY MR. LUSKEY:
- 14 Q. It -- it sounds like you're saying that the15 allegations in the e-mail looked serious and
- 16 credible to you and it was surprising that there
- 17 wasn't a negative finding and corrective actions at
- 18 the end of it; is that your testimony?
- 19 A. No. My testimony --
- 20 MR. SHAH: Object to form.
- 21 Go ahead and answer.
- 22 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. My testimony is
- 23 that a -- an efficient, effective compliance program
- 24 would have taken those allegations made involving
- 25 Ms. Chien and used them as the basis to perhaps do a

- Page 320 Q. Okay. On page 86 of your report, you say
- 2 that you sort of re- -- reiterate Mr. -- or you
- 3 summarize Mr. Lee's allegations and you note that
- 4 Mr. Lee -- sorry. You say: "Contemporaneous
- 5 records confirm that the dates and 'speakers'
- 6 identified by Mr. Lee were accurate. Mr. Lee also
- 7 described an event in November 2013 at which close
- 8 to 20 inappropriate attendees were present."
  - Do you see that?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And you read Mr. Lee's deposition testimony
  - where he said he got that wrong, correct?
- 13 A. Yes. Uh-hm.
- 14 Q. Okay. All right. And when you describe
- 15 this investigation as superficial, how are you
- 16 able -- how are you able to conclude it was
- 17 superficial without knowing what investigative steps
- 18 were taken?
- 19 A. Well, I did not -- the only information
- 20 that I had, other than Mr. Lee's deposition, was the
- 21 investigation of Ms. Chien and sort of the -- I
- 22 believe Mr. Johnson may have testified about it as
- 23 well, and everybody took the position that, well,
- 24 this was thoroughly investigated and there was no --
- 25 there was nothing to what Mr. Lee was saying.

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   and spouse, and partners prohibition.
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                                                                     THE STENOGRAPHER: I do have some e-mails.
      Q. No, no, that -- that doesn't answer the
                                                               I don't know if I have your e-mail, but I can find
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  question. I understand that those languages
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                                                               it on the Orrick website.
   saying -- there's language saying that, you know,
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                                                                    Mr. Shah, would you like a rough copy?
   you can't have guests, and family members, and
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                                                                    MR. SHAH: Yes, thank you. And you have my
   spouses.
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         My question is: Are you aware of any
                                                                    THE STENOGRAPHER: Yes, I believe so.
   language, in any guidance coming from the
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                                                                     MS. RAND: I've just added our e-mails in
   government, that says only prescribers are allowed
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   to attend speaker programs?
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                                                                     THE STENOGRAPHER: Thank you.
      A. I am not aware of any specific guidance
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12 that says that, no.
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      Q. Okay.
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         MR. SHAH: Hey, Randy, not to interrupt,
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15 but -- and I certainly don't have Spencer's gift for
    precision, but -- I have very few gifts in general,
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    but we probably don't need to speak about that, but
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    I think we're at the seven-hour mark, so...
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         MR. LUSKEY: Understood. Really appreciate
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   your time today, Ms. Evans. Those are all the
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    questions I have.
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         THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.
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         MR. SHAH: Thanks. I don't have any
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    questions for the witness.
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         Randy, it was nice to see you.
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         MR. LUSKEY: You as well.
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         MR. SHAH: Monica, Spencer, thank you for
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   your time.
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         And everyone, be well.
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         MR. LUSKEY: I hope you're right about
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   that. Take care.
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         THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record, Counsel?
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         MR. LUSKEY: Yeah.
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         THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. The time is
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                                                                         I further certify that I am neither counsel
    June 1, 2021. You're off the record.
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         MS. RAND: Monica, this is Marnee from
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    Orrick. I just wanted to check --
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         Sorry, this is just for Monica. Are you
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                                                                the original transcript of a deposition in a federal
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    going to be sending a rough transcript tonight?
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         THE STENOGRAPHER: I will be sending it
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    later tonight. I have an appointment, but I will
                                                                subscribed my name.
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    send it late tonight.
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         MS. RAND: Should I put my e-mail in the
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    chat for you to send it to, or do you have our work
25 e-mails?
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